

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Season after Epiphany Matins Order of Service
Sunday January 13, 2019

For silent reflection in preparation for worship:

...the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased." (Lk 3:22)

GATHERING

Hymn HWB (blue) #16 God is here among us *(remain seated)*

Hymn HWB (blue) #220 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Opening the Bible

Welcome:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invocation:

Leader: We enter your presence Eternal God, Creator of all that is.

People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ, Light of the world.

Leader: Be present with us, Holy Spirit, our Helper and Teacher.

**All: To the one true God, eternally three in one,
be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence

PRAISE

Hymn of Praise STS (purple) #30 Arise your light is come *(rise)*

Prayer of Praise

(remain standing)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God
and the sky proclaims what God can do!

(Ps 19.1)

**People: We have seen his glory: Jesus the Christ
the Word of God in human form.**

(Jn 1:14)

Jesus is the Light of glory and hope.

(Jn 8:12)

We praise you, O God, for the Light of the World!

We praise you, O God, for you have called us by name.

(Is 43:1)

Amen.

Hymn of Praise STJ (green) #80 Christ be near at either hand

(be seated after singing)

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

Psalm 29 (*The Message*, trans E. Peterson)

Leader: Bravo, God, bravo!
Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"

**People: In awe before the glory,
in awe before God's visible power.
Stand at attention!
Dress your best to honour him!**

Leader: God thunders across the waters,
Brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming brightness—
God, across the flood waters.

**People: God's thunder tympanic,
God's thunder symphonic.
God's thunder smashes cedars,
God topples the northern cedars.**

Leader: The mountain ranges skip like spring colts,
The high ridges jump like wild kid goats.
God's thunder spits fire.
God thunders, the wilderness quakes;
He makes the desert of Kadesh shake.

**People: God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing
A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.
We fall to our knees—we call out, "Glory!"**

Leader: Above the floodwaters is God's throne
from which his power flows,
from which he rules the world.

**All: God makes his people strong!
God gives his people peace!**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Silence

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together in confession.
God our Refuge and Saviour,

(Ps71:1)

**People: with our words we declare Jesus is Lord!
Yet our actions reveal another lord in our lives.
We have participated in world-darkness
that blinds us to your truth.
Forgive us and heal our blindness we pray.**

(1Cor 12:3)

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God, pour out your mercy on us.

People: Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us peace.

(HWB #702)

All: Amen.

Silence

Hymn: Kyrie

(remain seated)

Kyrie

Leonard Enns

Ky-rie e - lei - son, Ky-rie e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e -

The first system of the hymn is written in 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Ky-rie e - lei - son, Ky-rie e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e -

lei - son. Chris-te e - lei - son, Chris-te e - lei - son,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: lei - son. Chris-te e - lei - son, Chris-te e - lei - son,

Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky-rie e - lei - son,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky-rie e - lei - son,

Ky-rie e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: Ky-rie e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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Words of Assurance

Leader: Our Lord is God who forgives us.
Happy are those who trust in the Lord!

(Ps 99:8)
(Ps 84:12)

Response to Assurance

**People: When we see the Light of the world
we are encouraged and do not lose heart.
We commit our ways to you, O Lord
so that our words and our actions might be one. Amen.**

(2Cor 4.1)
(Ps 37.5)

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not to our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Before we offer the peace of Christ to each other,
we especially welcome guests to Waterloo North today.

Introduction of Visitors *(Please speak loudly so that all can hear.)*

Leader: Let us offer each other the sign of Christ's peace.

Passing the Peace of Christ

(rise)

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: As we prepare to listen to God's Word let us pray:
Gracious God

**All: Prepare our hearts to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own;
that hearing, we may be transformed
by the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the book of Isaiah.

READ Isaiah 43:1-7.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

READ Acts 8:14-17.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the Gospel of Luke.

Hymn to greet the Gospel HWB (blue) #101 Alleluia

(rise)

READ Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Silence

(be seated with the reader)

Homily

Silence

Hymn of Response STS (purple) #105 Holy Spirit, truth divine

(rise)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Life of the Church: Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Leader: We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

All: Lord's Prayer

(see last page)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us speak the affirmation of our faith together:

**All: We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all living things.
We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth,
to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God with us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving Breath of the church,
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

(adapted, Iona Abbey Worship Book)

SENDING

Hymn of Benediction HWB (blue) #544 When we walk with the Lord

(rise)

Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Nu. 6:24ff)
Amen. (be seated)

Silence

Closing the Bible

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Abide in God's love, seek justice and go in peace.

All: Amen.

Offering: as an act of sharing with the world what you have received from God's bountiful hand you are invited to place your offering in the basket as you leave the sanctuary.

*Scriptures for next week: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2: 1-11.*

***With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are
worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to
the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples.
We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people
in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.***

Head sets for hearing assistance are available.

Nursery: The nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in the washroom next to nursery. The nursery is unstaffed during Matins.

Information Sheets with church news and activities are available in the foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

Offering: Thank you to those who contribute electronically. Offering cards are available (or use loose change/cash) so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

Welcome Visitors: We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to learn more about our church and our ministries, including our care groups, education opportunities, seniors group or youth groups, and if you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact the church office or one of the ministers.

At Waterloo North Mennonite Church we welcome all people to participate fully in our Christian community of faith with all its expectations, responsibilities, and opportunities regardless of personal characteristics such as race, ethnic background, age, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, income, or education.

Adapted from a chant by
Richard Langdon, c. 1729-1803

Our Fath - er Who art in heaven, hal - low - ed be Thy name;

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it

is in heaven; Give us this day our dai - ly bread; And for -

give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors, as

we for - give our debt - ors; And lead us not in - to temp -

ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil; For Thine is the

king - dom, and the power and the glo - ry for ev - er. A - men.